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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 1, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment (if any) and to consider the following remark:

REMARK

*Claim Objections*

Applicant acknowledges that claims 203-271 were renumbered 1-69. Applicant also acknowledges that claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-69 remain in the application.

*Double Patenting Rejection*

Applicant submits herewith four terminal disclaimers (U.S. Patent Number 6,721,828; U.S. Patent Number 6,546,440; U.S. Patent Number 6,584,527; and U.S. Patent Number 5,581,715) to overcome the double patenting rejection to the same.

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*Conclusion*

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the four terminal disclaimers and remarks, and that the Claims as renumbered are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the Claims as amended be allowed.


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Respectfully submitted,

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